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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendments to the claims, filed 8/17/2011, are accepted and appreciated by the examiner.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Aaron Deditch on 9/26/2011.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 5 is amended as follows:

"5. A sensor system comprising:

a first sensor powered by a line, the first sensor preprogrammed with a first time interval for transmitting data via the line;

a second sensor powered by the line in parallel with the first sensor, the second sensor preprogrammed with a second time interval for transmitting data via the line;

a first timing sequence control system included in the first sensor; and

a second timing sequence control system included in the second sensor;

wherein, in response to each instance of receiving a first power level, the first timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the first sensor so that the first sensor transmits data via the line for the first time interval,

wherein, in response to each instance of receiving the first power level, the second timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the second sensor so that the second sensor transmits data via the line for the second time interval after the first time interval.

wherein, upon being triggered, the first and second timing sequence control systems control the transmission of the first and second sensors so that the first and second sensors each transmit data via the line at least once independent of any change in a power level received by the first and second timing sequence control systems,—and

wherein the first and second timing sequence control systems receive the first power level throughout the first and second time intervals and

wherein a second power level is constantly supplied from the line to the first and second sensors, wherein the second power level is lower than the first power level, and wherein the second power level ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation."

Claim 9 is amended as follows:

"9. A method for sequential transmission of sensor data, comprising:

powering a first sensor by a line, the first sensor preprogrammed with a first time interval for transmitting data via the line; and

powering a second sensor by the line in parallel with the first sensor, the second sensor preprogrammed with a second time interval for transmitting data via the line;

whereto a first timing sequence control system is included within the first sensor and a second timing sequence control system is included within the second sensor,

wherein, in response to each instance of receiving a first power level, the first timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the first sensor so that the first sensor transmits data via the line for the first time interval,

wherein, in response to each instance of receiving the first power level, the second timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the second sensor so that the second sensor transmits data via the line for the second time interval after the first time interval,

wherein, upon being triggered, the first and second timing sequence control systems control the transmission of the first and second sensors so that the first and second sensors each transmit data via the line at least once independent of any change in a power level received by the first and second timing sequence control systems,—and

wherein the first and second timing sequence control systems receive the first power level throughout the first and second time intervals and

wherein a second power level is constantly supplied from the line to the first and second sensors, wherein the second power level is lower than the first power level, and wherein the second power level ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation."

Claim 19 is amended as follows:

"19. A sensor system comprising:

a first sensor powered by a line, the first sensor preprogrammed with a first time interval for transmitting data via the line;

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a second sensor powered by the line in parallel with the first sensor, the second sensor preprogrammed with a second time interval for transmitting data via the line;

a first timing sequence control system included in the first sensor; and a second timing sequence control system included in the second sensor;

wherein, whenever the first sensor detects an increase in the power received from the line to a first power level, the first timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the first sensor so that the first sensor transmits data via the line for the first time interval,

wherein, whenever the second sensor detects an increase in the power received from the line to a first power level, the second timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the second sensor so that the second sensor transmits data via the line for the second time interval after the first time interval,

wherein, upon being triggered, the first and second timing sequence control systems control the transmission of the first and second sensors so that the first and second sensors each transmit data via the line at least once independent of any change in a power level received by the first and second timing sequence control systems, and

wherein the first and second timing sequence control systems receive the first power level throughout the first and second time intervals <u>and</u>

wherein a second power level is constantly supplied from the line to the first and second sensors, wherein the second power level is lower than the first power level, and wherein the second power level ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation."

Claim 20 is amended as follows:

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"20. A method for sequential transmission of sensor data, comprising:

powering a first sensor by a line, the first sensor preprogrammed with a first time interval for transmitting data via the line; and

powering a second sensor by the line in parallel with the first sensor, the second sensor preprogrammed with a second time interval for transmitting data via the line;

wherein a first timing sequence control system is included within the first sensor and a second timing sequence control system is included within the second sensor,

wherein, whenever the first sensor detects an increase in the power received from the line to a first power level, the first timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the first sensor so that the first sensor transmits data via the line for the first time interval, wherein,

whenever the second sensor detects an increase in the power received from the line to a first power level, the second timing sequence control system is triggered and, upon being triggered, controls the transmission of the second sensor so that the second sensor transmits data via the line for the second time interval after the first time interval,

wherein, upon being triggered, the first and second timing sequence control systems control the transmission of the first and second sensors so that the first and second sensors each transmit data via the line at least once independent of any change in a power level received by the first and second timing sequence control systems,—and

wherein the first and second timing sequence control systems receive the first power level throughout the first and second time intervals <u>and</u>

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wherein a second power level is constantly supplied from the line to the first and second sensors, wherein the second power level is lower than the first power level, and wherein the second power level ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation"

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-13, 15 and 17-20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's claims, in view of the most recent amendments filed by applicant in addition to those currently contained in the above examiner's amendment, are sufficiently distinguished from the prior art of record.

The prior art of record fails to show the combination of elements in independent claims 5, 9, 19 or 20.

It is known in the art (as previously shown by Hackett, Farley and others) to simultaneously trigger a parallel or daisy-chain set of sensors by means of manipulating the power provided to them over a line. It is also known to use individual delays on these sensors to prevent communications collision.

However, specifically raising the power level from a level sufficient to operate the sensors and maintaining this raised power level while the sensors respond, as claimed, is not shown in the prior art.

Hackett does fairly <u>raise</u> the power to signal the sensors to respond, but they do not respond to "each instance" or "whenever" the power is raised as claimed, nor is the power raised from a baseline level which operates the sensors. Instead, Hackett uses a tone burst to initiate sensor response.

Farley also raises power to signal the sensors to respond, and they do respond each time this occurs. However, the power of Farley is raised from zero, which is not a level that "ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation" as claimed.

Newly found prior arts Machida (US pat 4555695) and Moorcroft (US pat 4464739) also use raised power to trigger responses, but again the response is not "each time" or "whenever" the power level is raised and the baseline is not such that "ensures that the first and second sensors are constantly in operation" as claimed.

Thus the prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest to one of ordinary skill in the art these limitations in combination with the other elements of the claims.

Each of claims 6-8, 10-13, 15 and 17-18 depend upon one of the above claims and thus are allowable for at least the same reasons.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JONATHAN TEIXEIRA MOFFAT whose telephone number is (571)272-2255. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, from 7:00-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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